

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
MARCH 14, 2006**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor William J. Schmitt who presided called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor William J. Schmitt	present
Board member Victor J. Knies	absent
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	present

Also present were Police Chief Richard Gunselman, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Building Commissioner David Seger, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. Two of the three board members were present which constitutes a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Schmitt invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 28, 2006. A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 2-0. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein reported that the EASEMENTS Section of the minutes were correct as written, stating a permanent underground street light easement and a partial release of a permanent underground street light easement from Kerstiens Corporation was accepted. Hemmerlein wanted the minutes to reflect that after the meeting it was discovered the property was transferred from Kerstiens Corporation to Kerstiens Development, Inc.

**CHALK WALK- STREET CLOSINGS**

Darla Blazey, director of Jasper Arts Department, requested closing the streets around the downtown square for the Jasper Community Arts Commission's annual Chalk Walk on Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ms. Blazey reported that they would like to close the same streets as last year and those streets are Main Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets and 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Jackson and Newton Streets. Ms. Blazey also requested use of the Train Depot for an Art Exhibit. She said the rain date for the event would be Saturday, May 13, 2006.

On **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt, approval was given to the Jasper Community Arts Commission to hold their annual Chalk Walk on Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a rain date of May 13, 2006, to

allow the closing of the downtown streets around the Square as listed above and allow the use of the Train Depot for an Art Exhibit. Motion passed 2-0.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang informed the board that he was in the process of getting prices on Thermal Imaging Cameras in preparation for applying for a 2006 Fire Fighter Grant through Homeland Security. Hochgesang estimates the cameras to cost \$45,000. The city will have to provide a 5% match.

### **ASPHALT HOTBOX RECLAIMER**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that the quote opened last meeting from W. A. Jones Truck Bodies & Equipment for an Asphalt Hotbox Reclaimer met specifications and was accepted. The price for the item was \$15,394.00.

**Flood Waters.** Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle gave a report on the flood waters on city streets from this month's rain.

**Storm Sewer Camera.** Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle stated that the Street Department is investigating the different kinds of storm sewer cameras in preparation for purchasing such an item. He said the department is presently using a used camera from the Waste Water Department.

### **DISPOSAL OF COMPUTER**

Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider requested permission to declare computer system, asset #100137, as junk. He said the computer was no longer usable and sought permission to demolish it.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to declare the computer system, asset number 100137, from the Personnel and Safety Department, as junk, remove from inventory, and dispose of in the proper manner. Motion passed 2-0.

**INSHARP Program.** Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider reported that plans are progressing for the City's intention to get re-certified in the INSHARP Program. He stated that no actual date had been set for opening day.

### **POLICE REPORTS**

Police Chief Richard Gunselman presented to the board for its review the following report.

Jasper Police Department February Activity Report

### **PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICERS**

Police Chief Richard Gunselman reported that Officers Aaron Persohn and Allan Foy will reach the end of their probationary period on March 21, 2006. Gunselman recommended that they be moved off probationary status into 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Police Officer status, effective March 21, 2006.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to end probationary status for Police Officers Aaron Persohn and Allan Foy and maintain their employment, effective March 21, 2006. Motion passed 2-0.

### **RESOLUTION NO. BPWS 2006-1**

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented Resolution No. BPWS 2006-1 (See attached). The resolution is in regards to 2005 road mileage to be submitted to Indiana Department of Transportation. He stated that Exhibit "A", a map of said roads and streets, and Exhibit "B", a listing of all road and street names and the mileage of each to be added to the total road miles, would be included with the resolution for submittal. He said the actual change in mileage was a net addition of 0.10 miles, which was from the realignment of the Portersville Road.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to approve and accept Resolution No. BPWS 2006-1. Motion passed 2-0.

### **NO PARKING – WEST 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented a map of West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Kundeck Street and reported that a traffic study had been made by the Street, Police and Engineering Departments. He stated that the study concluded that the parking of vehicles along the South side of West 13<sup>th</sup> Street caused a "line of sight" problem, and that West 13<sup>th</sup> Street is too narrow for two driving lanes and a parking lane. He said it was the recommendation of the Engineering Department that parking be eliminated on the south side of West 13<sup>th</sup> Street west of the west curb face of Kundeck Street a distance of 130 feet.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to recommend to the city council that parking be eliminated on the south side of West 13<sup>th</sup> Street west of the west curb face of Kundeck Street a distance of 130 feet. Motion passed 2-0.

### **STOP SIGN – ST. JAMES AVENUE AND LIBERTY STREET**

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented a traffic study of the St. James Avenue and Liberty Street area. He stated that the study was conducted by the Street, Police and Engineering Departments. He reported that the conclusion of the study was to place a stop sign at the intersection of St. James Avenue and Liberty Street with the stop sign being placed at southbound Liberty Street.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to recommend to the city council that a stop sign be placed at the intersection of St. James Avenue and Liberty Street with the stop sign being placed at southbound Liberty Street. Motion passed 2-0.

### **STOP SIGN – COUNTRY CROSSING**

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented a traffic study of the Country Crossing and Lakeview Drive area. He stated that the study was conducted by the Street, Police and Engineering Departments and that the conclusion of the study was to place a stop sign at the intersection at Country Crossing and Lakeview Drive. He further stated that the stop sign should be placed on southbound Country Crossing and that Lakeview Drive should have the right of way.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to recommend to the city council that a stop sign be placed at the intersection of Country Crossing and Lakeview Drive. Motion passed 2-0.

**Annexation Meeting.** City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that an informational meeting had been held on Monday, March 13, 2006 concerning the possibility of annexing approximately 212 acres on the west side of the City. He said the proposed annexation would be called Timber Creek and had been requested by the developers.

### **CLAIMS**

Claims against the City from February 10, 2006 through March 9, 2006 were presented and examined by the board. Those claims found to be just, due, and owing were approved upon **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt. Motion carried 2-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 2-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

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**Mayor William J. Schmitt**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary